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Speaker Pro Tem Bates appoints Leonard Gorman as interim Chief of Staff

WINDOW ROCK - Speaker Pro Tem LoRenzo Bates today announced that Leonard Gorman, executive director for the Navajo Nation Human Rights Commission, has been placed on special assignment as Chief of Staff for the Navajo Nation Legislative Branch.

“Mr. Gorman has extensive knowledge and experience working with the Legislative Branch and the Navajo government as a whole,” said Pro Tem Bates. “I have full confidence that Mr. Gorman will guide the legislative staff in an effective manner that provides stability and accountability for the Navajo people.”

Gorman previously served as Chief of Staff under former Speakers Edward T. Begay and Lawrence Morgan.

Pro Tem Bates acknowledged the sensitive issues surrounding Council and said the appointment of Gorman is a critical step toward ensuring that the functions of the Legislative Branch continue without disruption for the benefit of the government and Diné citizens.

Gorman will assume all duties and responsibilities of the Chief of Staff immediately. The Legislative Branch continues to remain fully-functional.

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